the help of Community Based Organisations (CBOs) from amongst the slum dwellers. The Slum Sanitation Programme (Stage-II) envisaged a timeframe up to 2010 at a cost of Rs. 4800 million. A loan amount of Rs. 2665 million was sought by the Government of Maharashtra from the World Bank for this project.

(b) to (d) The proposal of Government of Maharashtra for grant/credit/ loan from the World Bank was forwarded by the Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation to the Department of Economic Affairs to pose the same before the World Bank.

-The Department of Economic Affairs has informed that the State of Maharashtra was categorized as "debt stressed" from debt sustainability point of view. Therefore, Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) in consultation with Department of Expenditure, did not accept the proposal for posing the same for World Bank financing. The Maharashtra State was requested to include the Mumbai Slum Sanitation Project in the design of the comprehensive multi-sectoral plan proposed for Mumbai City for its transformation into a World Class City.

Two multi-sectoral teams of the World Bank have undertaken intensive consultations with the State Government in March and November, 2005 respectively for formulating a comprehensive proposal for transforming Mumbai city into a World Class City.

Investigation into misappropriation of funds

1349. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has asked the Central Vigilance Commission to investigate thoroughly the misappropriation of HUDCO funds worth Rs. 14,500 crores during the tenure of NDA Government at the Centre;

(b) if so, whether the Central Vigilance Commission has taken up investigation; and

(c) by when a report is expected to be submitted to the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, *vide* its order dated 29.8.2005, directed the Central Vigilance Commission to carry out, *inter-alia,* a detailed inquiry in respect of amounts advanced by HUDCO to six companies; and the investment by HUDCO in bonds. It also directed Central Vigilance

Commission to investigate into certain allegations regarding sanction of loans of over Rs. 5000 crores to 50 projects on a single day, *i.e.* 20.12.2002.

(b) The Central Vigilance Commission has reported that they are enquiring into the matter.

(c) The Hon'ble Court has directed the Central Vigilance Commission to submit its report within four months from the date of order *i.e.* by 28.12.2005.

Schemes under SJSRY for NER

1350. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes received from the North Eastern Region for creation of employment opportunities under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) since its inception, year-wise;

(b) the scheme cleared for each State of the region, year-wise; and

(c) The schemes which are yet to be cleared along with the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) With a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the Urban Poor and providing employment opportunities to the Urban poor, Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented urban poverty alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, including North Eastern Region, with effect from 1.12.1997. The Scheme is funded in poportion of 75:25 between Centre and the States. The SJSRY strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor through encouraging the setting up of Self-employment ventures by the urban poor and also through provision of wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

Under SJSRY, Central funds are released to the States/U.Ts. for the implementation of the Scheme as per the Guidelines of the Scheme. The funds are released to the States/U.Ts. on the basis of prescribed criteria of receipt of Utilization Certificates for the Centrai funds released during earlier years and providing the matching State share for the earlier releases.

The Central funds released under SJSRY since its inception, State-wise and year-wise, in the North East State including Sikkim is given in the enclosed Statement.